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THIRD PARTY TO PUBLISH INDEPENDENT PAPER IN HONG KONG

Penang (correspondence by steamer from Hong Kong) -- To meet the wide-spread desire for a daily paper which is genuinely impartial, leaning neither to the right nor to the left, a group of experienced newspapermen have made arrangements to issue in Hong Kong in the near future a new daily to be called the Tzu-yu Jen-pao (Free Man's Paper) (1) /numbers in parentheses refer to appended characters/.

Many people question whether this paper can keep out of partisan politics, for some well-informed persons believe that it is to be the mouthpiece of a third party. Such an opinion is plausible because the parties interested in the project include some who are or have been connected with the Free Democracy (Tzu-yu Min-chu) group, some with the KMT, and some with the People's Party Association (Min-tang-she). These varied elements are manifesting an inclination to merge into one political league in which all those devoted to liberty and democracy may participate. This has progressed to the point where a committee of three has been appointed to draft a constitution for such a league. For reasons of security, the headquarters of the league is at first to be located some place in Thailand. The constitution is to be drawn up along truly democratic lines, with elected directors and with different directors serving as chairmen by rotation.

It is rumored that the US is interested in the formation of such a third party and is ready to encourage and assist it. On the other hand, it is reported that Hung Lan-yu (2) and Hang Li-wu (3) have come from Taiwan to Hong Kong to endeavor to dissuade the following men from forming a third party force.

Among the backers, managers, editorial writers and other staff members of the prospective paper are the following:

Tso Shun-sheng (4), leading member of the Youth Party, and ex-Minister of Agriculture.

Ch'eng Ts'ang-po (5), ex-chief of the secretariat of the former Control Yuan and ex-head of the Shanghai Hsin-wen Pao.

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Ch'eng She-wo (6), once prominently connected with the former Nanking Min-sheng Pao, and ex-head of the former Chungking Shih-chieh Jih-pao (World).

T'ao Po-ch'uan (7), ex-chief editorial writer of the Shanghai Ch'en Pao; ex-editor in chief of the Great Eastern Bookstore (Ta-tung Shu-chu); and ex-member of the former Control Yuan.

Pu Shao-fu (8), ex-chief editorial writer of the Hsin-wen T'ien-ti; ex-assistant editor of the former Shanghai Shen Pao.

Chin Hou-ch'eng (9), formerly prominent in Shanghai financial circles.

Lei Su-ts'en (10), ex-editor in chief of the Ho-p'ing Jih-pao; (Peace Daily); now chief editor of the Hong Kong Hsiang-Chiang Shih-pao (Times).

Wang Yun-wu (11), founder of the Commercial Press, and ex-Minister of Finance.

Other editorial writers are to include, Wu Chun-sheng (12), formerly of the Ministry of Education; P'eng Shao-hsien (13), ex-Minister of Interior; Lou T'ung-sun (14) ex-member of the Legislative Yuan; Hsu Hsiao-tan (15), now head of the Hong Kong Times; Hu Ch'iu-yuan (16), present member of the Legislative Yuan, noted for his anti-Communist political theories; Chang P'ei-chieh (17), ex-editor of the former periodical Min-chu P'ing-lun ex-professor in the former KMT Political College; Chen Shih-fu (18), ex-professor in the former KMT Political College; Yuan I-ch'eng (19), and many others. It is understood that Chang Chun-li (20), now in India, is to come back to Hong Kong and to have a part in this paper.

CHARACTERS

1. 自由人報
2. 洪蘭友
3. 杭士武
4. 左舜生
5. 程滄波
6. 成舍我
7. 陶百川
8. 卜少夫
9. 金侯城
10. 雷嘯岑

11. 王雲五
12. 吳俊升
13. 彭昭賢
14. 樓桐孫
15. 許孝炎
16. 胡秋原
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